

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant :** Michael D. Crittenden et al.

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**Title :** SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CREDITING A PLAYER OF A GAMING MACHINE

**Art Unit :** 3709

**Examiner :** Arthur O. Hall

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Commissioner of Patents

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the accompanying remarks.

A complete listing of the claims ever presented in the application, along with any current amendments thereto, begins on page 2. Remarks begin on page 13.